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## **VALUE OF NEW YORK FRUIT PRODUCTION INCREASES**

The value of New York's 2010 tree fruit and grape production totaled \$332 million, up 14 percent from the 2009 value, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The value of utilized production was above the previous year for apples, grapes, and peaches.

The 2010 apple crop in New York was down 5 percent to 1.30 billion pounds. This year's value of utilized apple production, based on packinghouse door equivalent returns, totaled \$233 million, 11 percent above the 2009 crop value. New York ranks second in apple production behind Washington.

Grape production in New York increased 32 percent from 2009 to 176,000 tons. Fresh grapes totaled 4,000 tons while 172,000 tons were crushed by wineries and processors. Grapes utilized for juice accounted for 70 percent of the total grapes processed with the remaining 30 percent going for wine.

The value of the 2010 grape crop is estimated at \$68.4 million, 44 percent above the 2009 crop value. New York ranked third in grape production behind California and Washington.

New York's tart cherry crop is estimated at 7.8 million pounds, down 30 percent from the 2009 crop of 11.2 million pounds. The value of utilized production is estimated at \$1.36 million.

New York sweet cherry production, at 1,000 tons, is down 19 percent from the 1,240 tons produced in 2009. The 2010 crop is valued at \$2.26 million compared to \$2.30 million a year ago.

Peach production for the Empire State is placed at 5,900 tons, down 9 percent from the 2009 level. The value of the 2010 crop, at \$7.02 million, is up 30 percent from 2009.

Production of pears in New York is estimated at 8,300 tons, down 26 percent from the 2009 output of 11,200 tons. The 2010 crop is valued at \$4.25 million, down 12 percent from 2009. New York ranks fourth nationally in pear production. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at [www.nass.usda.gov/ny](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ny).

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